

### **REMARKS**

The claims in the case are 3-4, 13, 15-16, 27-28 and 31-33. Claims 1-2, 5-12, 14, 17-26, and 29-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve full rights to re-introduce the subject matter cancelled from the claims and claims themselves in this or any other application claiming the benefit of priority to the captioned application.

Claim 3 has been amended to be independent in view of the cancellation of claim 2. Claim 4 has been amended to remove reference to specific compound numbers. Claim 13 has been amended to be depended from amended claim 3. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by the above amendments.

Entry and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the PTO indicated that claims 4, 16, 28, and 31-33 were “allowed.”

### ***Objected Claims***

Claims 3, 6, 13, 15 and 27 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

(Final Office Action at page 5.)

Claim 3 has been amended to be independent. It is believed that the pending claims no longer suffer from the infirmity pointed out in this objection. Therefore, withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

### **Indefiniteness Rejection**

It is noted with appreciation that the PTO has withdrawn the instant rejection. (Final Office Action at page 3.)

### **Obviousness Rejection**

Claims 2, 6, and 12 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 5,151,421 (“Freyne”). (Final Office Action at page 3.)

For the reasons set forth below the rejection, respectfully is traversed.

Claims 2, 6, and 12 are no longer pending. Therefore, the instant rejection is moot and should be withdrawn.

Finally, the Examiner is invited to call the applicants' undersigned representative if any further action will expedite the prosecution of the application or if the Examiner has any suggestions or questions concerning the application or the present Response. In fact, if the claims of the application are not believed to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP § 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP § 706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Accordingly, entry of the claims and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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